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REPLY TO EXAMINER'S ACTION

In reply to the Examiner's Action mailed July 27, 2001, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows.

In the Title:

SSE NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND USES THEREOF

In the Abstract:

Disclosed is a novel gene that is responsible for protein and oil body biogenesis. Methods and compositions are also provided for identifying genes having at least 30% identity to an Arabidopsis SSE1 polypeptide (SEQ ID NO:2). The invention further